

elements worship



Calm and Bright

200 Years of Silent Night



Advent 2018

peace • joy • love • hope

December 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, Michigan

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The Order of Morning Worship

December 2, 2018

Elements Worship 10:30 a.m.

We Gather

An "*" invites you to stand, as you are able. Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Worship activity bags for children 5 and up are available in the Narthex.

Nursery for children Young 5's and under is available during worship.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

We Praise God

Invitation to Worship

Invitation Song

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Chancel Choir

McFee|Bell

Invitation Litany

Response:

**Silent night, holy night; all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child; holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Advent God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those who not only wait, but also work, for peace in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

People: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

*Song of Praise

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Helmore|Neale

Children's Message

Children dismissed to Children in Worship program downstairs following the children's message

Call to Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

*Praise Song

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Stevens|Maher|Popadic

We Share the Word

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew and Luke: Matthew 19:13-15; Luke 2:6 RSV

Sermon

"Give Peace a Chance"

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

We Respond to the Word

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Leader: Holy God, in the beginning you called out, "Let there be light! ...

...This bread and this cup are my life and light for you. And because I shine in you, let your light shine for the world.

Leader: And so we offer ourselves in union with Christ's offering of salvation:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Sacrament of Communion

Communion will be taken by intinction at the front of the sanctuary.

Please come to communion using the center aisle and return down the side aisles.

Communion Song

When Will Messiah Come?

Martin
Cancel Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving

With gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives, Lord Jesus, we come bringing these gifts, to use in service to you and to those in need. Bless these gifts and those who have given them, that our ministry may truly be a blessing. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

We are Sent Forth

*Final Hymn #204

Emmanuel

(red hymnal)

*Benediction

*Silent Night

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Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace**

Parting Music

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Liturgists: 8:30 Jerry Gibbs 10:30 Mary Huntington
Music: Chancel Choir
Sound Board Operators: 8:30 Roger Cox
Ushers: 8:30 Rob & Betty Roberts, Barry & Bron Kram
10:30 Ray Komray, Paul Martin, Michele Dunlop, Gary Gillan
Greeters: 8:30 Jim Alguire 10:30 Val & Paul Martin
Welcome Center: 8:30 Shirley & Dick Good 10:30 Darlene Graska
Nursery: Judy Hanson
Coffee Fellowship: Niecey & Bill Emery

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Liturgists: 8:30 Don Woodward 10:30 Dave Hoffman
Music: Bells of Glory
Sound Board Operators: 8:30 Roger Cox
Ushers: 8:30 Rob & Betty Roberts, Barry & Bron Kram
10:30 Ray Komray, Paul Martin, Michele Dunlop, Gary Gillan
Greeters: 8:30 Niecey & Bill Emery 10:30 Joyce & Bruce Bowling
Welcome Center: 8:30 Dorothy Corradi 10:30 Joann Jarvi
Nursery: Judy Hanson
Coffee Fellowship: Harold & Gail Merz

CHURCH OF THE DUNES CORE PURPOSE: We are a family of faith who seeks to grow in God's grace and love, challenges and equips all members to be faithful disciples, to share the Good News and demonstrate and reflect the love of God.

CHURCH STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Ministers.....	All Members of the Congregation
Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Louis Grettenberger (231-883-9806, pastorlou@umcdunes.org)
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Covenant Missionaries.....	Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY December 2, 2018 -Advent 1-Communion- Family Promise arrives

8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care
 8:30 AM Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
 8:45-9:45 AM Children in Worship – Hosanna Room (Room 8 lower level)
 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
9:35 AM - 10:25 AM Gospel of Luke Advent Study – Ryder Lounge
 9:40-10:20AM Youth Sunday School – Pit & Youth Room
 9:45-10:20 AM FaithLink Discussion Group "Secular Hymns" Room 4 lower level
10:00-10:25 AM Kids' Choir – Social Hall
 10:30 AM Elements Worship – Sanctuary
10:45-11:45 AM Children In Worship – Hosanna Room (Room 8 lower level)
11:30-12:20 PM BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
11:30-12:20 PM DVD Advent Bible Study – (Room 13/14 lower level)
11:30-12:20 PM Youth Choir
4:00-5:00 PM Children's Council Badge Class – Social Hall
6:00-7:00 PM Youth Group – Social Hall, Youth Room, Wiltse Center

MONDAY December 3, 2018

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
1:00 PM Caregivers-Ryder Lounge
7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

TUESDAY December 4, 2018

9:30-11:30 AM Women's Advent Study – Ryder Lounge
6:30 PM UMW Board meeting – Off site
6:30 PM Webelos 1 – Scout Room
6:30 PM Missions – Ryder Lounge
7:00 PM Trustees – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY December 5, 2018

9:00 AM Morning Coffee - Russ' Restaurant
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study – Ryder Lounge
4:00-5:00 PM Kids' Connection – Wiltse Center
5:15-6:00 PM Supper – Social Hall Menu: Chicken Noodle & Broccoli Cheddar Soup
6:00 PM Youth Small Group – Youth Room
6:00 PM Knitters – Conference Room
6:00-6:30 PM Chimers – Choir Loft
6:10-7:30 PM "Seamless" Bible Study – Ryder Lounge
6:10-7:30 PM The Gospel of Luke Advent Study – Room 13/14 lower level
6:30-7:00 PM Singers – Choir Room
6:45-7:30 PM Jubilation Choir – Choir Loft
7:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY December 6, 2018

9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
1:00 PM Thursday Study "Seamless" – Ryder Lounge
6:30 PM Ruth Circle - Offsite
7:00 PM Creativity, the Arts & God – Social Hall
7:00 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting – Room 10
7:00 PM Mary Circle – Ryder Lounge

FRIDAY December 7, 2018

Pastor Lou's Day Off

SUNDAY December 9, 2018 Advent 2

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Nursery Care – Nursery
 8:30 AM Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
 8:45-9:45 AM Children in Worship – Hosanna Room (Room 8 lower level)
 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
9:45-10:20 AM FaithLink Discussion Group Room 4 lower level
10:00-10:25 AM Kids' Choir – Social Hall
 10:30 AM Elements Worship – Sanctuary
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11:30AM-12:15 PM Youth Choir
6:00 – 7:30 PM Youth Group

Welcome to Church of the Dunes

We are glad you are here today, and hope you feel God's love. You are invited for refreshments in the Wiltse Center fellowship area during the time between the two worship services. Refreshments are also available after the second service. You are welcome to participate in the activities, events, and classes offered here. If you have questions or need directions to locations in the church, please ask a volunteer at the Welcome Center, our pastor, or an usher; they are happy to assist. Thank you for being here today. We hope to see you again soon. *Open minds, Open hearts, Open doors. The People of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes.*

Announcements

WEATHER CLOSING POLICY: When Grand Haven Area Public Schools has a weather-related closing, Church of the Dunes is closed too and all meetings, events and groups are cancelled.

CAREGIVERS GROUP WILL MEET THIS WEEK: The regularly scheduled November meeting was canceled because of weather, so Caregivers will meet **on Monday, December 3 at 1:00 p.m.** The group will not meet on December 31.

THE JUBILATION CHOIR sings for worship on Sunday, December 30. Rehearsals are on Wednesday December 5, 12, and 19 from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Jubilation Choir is an adult choir that sings when there is a 5th Sunday of the month. All adult singers are welcome to participate. Please join us to sing!

THE DUNESMEN (United Methodist Men) are invited to bring a guest (spouse, significant other, family member or friend) to our December 10 gathering at 6:00 pm. in the Social Hall. Entrees will be catered, table service will be provided, please bring a dish to pass. To make a reservation, contact Dale Zurakowski at (616) 414-7021 or zbleedgreen@gmail.com **by no later than December 5.**

CHURCH OF THE DUNES CHRISTMAS CAROLING is December 16 from 4 – 6 p.m. Meet at the church at 4 p.m. and we will go caroling to homebound members. Cookies, donuts, coffee and cider will be served when we return to church after caroling.

WELCOME CENTER OPPORTUNITY: Would you like to help with the important job of welcoming people to Church of the Dunes? There are spots available for Welcome Center volunteers before the 10:30 a.m. worship service. No experience? No problem. Instructions and guidance are provided for new volunteers. To sign up, contact Darlene Graska at dgraska@atcoflexinc.com.

SNOWBIRDS: If you would like Church of the Dunes to stay in touch with you while you are at your sunny winter home, please contact Cathryn in the church office to confirm your address and other details.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE: Today we begin hosting the families from Family Promise. Thank you all who have volunteered. Still needed: overnight hosts Sunday 12/2, Friday 12/7, and Saturday 12/8, milk 2%, juices, fresh fruits, pop tarts, Keurig coffee pods, bread, and cash to support drivers and gas— designate for Family Promise. Contact Dave Hoffman at (616) 847-8438 for more information or to sign up as a volunteer.

DECEMBER 8 SALVATION ARMY RINGERS: Thank you for signing up! Please check the completed schedule in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SUPPER HOUSE: Supper House is hosting a Christmas party for its guests on December 10. Men, women, and children's hats, gloves, scarves, and socks needed; children's books are welcome, too. There is a donation box in the lobby near the church office. Items will be collected through December 5.

ORNAMENTS 4 ORPHANS is a Mary Circle mission project offering holiday ornaments made in East Africa. The ornaments are for sale today near the fair trade goods cabinet in Wiltse Center fellowship area. Proceeds return to the country; half goes to the product's maker and the other half supports orphans.

RUTH CIRCLE is selling RADA Cutlery as a fundraiser. Orders can be placed in the Wiltse Center between worship services today. For more information or to see a catalog, talk with a Ruth Circle member or contact Nancy Humphrey at (616) 566-8585.

Budget and Attendance Update

<u>2018 Weekly Offering</u>	<u>Weekly Average Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Budgeted</u>
For Operating Expenses	\$9,792	\$10,645
11/25 Offering	\$7,181	

ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE: To sign up, contact the church office or online at www.umcdunes.org

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship Last Week: 280 Last Year: 328

Sunday Morning Learning for All Ages

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING ADVENT STUDIES:

Lessons from Luke

9:35 – 10:15 a.m. *Ryder Lounge, Facilitator: Jan Stuart*

Join us as we explore why theologians call Luke “The Universal Gospel.” This study also meets Wednesday evening, 12/5 at 6:10 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge. Study/discussion notebooks provided. You can come to either class; it is not necessary to have attended before as there will be lessons each week different from the others. This study is based on trusted Bible commentator overviews that make the Gospel of Luke pertinent for today’s living.

Faithful Joseph (DVD series by Adam Hamilton)

11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., *Room 13/14 lower level, Facilitators: Gwen and John Bartels*

We’re not that different from Joseph. True, we may not be part of a story that will be remembered for all time, but like Joseph, we encounter circumstances that we’d never choose for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away, but Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don’t understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.

CHILDREN GRADES K-5: Children in Worship (CIW) Sunday School takes place during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, beginning right after the Time for Children and ending at 9:45 and 11:45 respectively. Children In Worship meets in the Hosanna room (Room 8), on the lower level of the church. Please pick up your kids at the classroom.

YOUTH GRADES 6 - 12: Youth Sunday School meets from 9:40 – 10:20 a.m. Grades 6-8 meet in The Pit and grades 9-12 meet in the Youth Room. Both locations are on the lower level.

Information

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment.

DEADLINES: Weekly worship bulletin, Tuesdays at 3 p.m.; Dunes Digest newsletter, 15th of the month prior.

IMPORTANT NOTES ON TAKING PICTURES: You are welcome to take pictures or video of your children during a musical performance in our worship services or other church activities; however, please refrain from posting any videos or photos to public places, such as Facebook or YouTube, as the musical performances are copyright protected and some parents may not have consented to public use of images.

THE WORSHIP SERVICES ARE VIDEO-TAPED and sermons are posted for later viewing on our church website. (Currently, we are experiencing technical difficulties with posting the sermons on the website and are working to address the issue.) Every effort is made to focus the camera only on the scripture readers and the pastor. On rare occasions, those seated near the front of the church may appear in a sermon video. If you wish to avoid inadvertently appearing in a sermon video that will be posted online, please find seats toward the back of the sanctuary.

Joys and Concerns

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" If there are Joys and Concerns you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Tuesday before 3:00 p.m. (616) 842-7980 or e-mail office@umcdunes.org.

Please let the church office know if you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or is homebound and would like a visit. Please let us know if you have experienced a death in your family. In order to respect confidentiality, we need you to keep us up to date. We would like to be supportive, and we appreciate your help. Thank you.

This Week's Praises

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given by Michelle DeVito in honor of her Mother Bette DeVito's birthday on December 3rd.

THANK YOU: I want to thank the United Methodist Church of the Dunes family for all the thoughtful cards and messages following my hip replacement surgery. The flowers and afghan provided by the church and craft circle, along with the thoughtful messages, are appreciated. I have a long road ahead with recovery, but hopefully it will be a success allowing further sports activity. Betsy and I would like to say a special thanks to Dale Zurakowski for volunteering to do fall yard cleanup for us. Pete Peterson

BUY A BUCKET CAMPAIGN THANK YOU: Our cleaning supply buckets for United Methodist Committee on Relief are overflowing and our hearts are filled with gratitude for the generosity of our church family. Thank you so much for your support! Jill Miller and Mary Huntington

VETERANS DAY THANK YOU: Church of the Dunes' Worship Commission would like to thank those who loaned their military uniforms, memorabilia, and photos for the Veterans Day displays in the display case, the hallway, and the Wiltse Center fellowship area. We continue to hear compliments on how these items touched people's lives. Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and sharing.

BROWN BAG THANK YOU: "Blessings to the church" from Captain Sally of the Grand Haven Salvation Army. Those were her words for the generous donation of a van full of foodstuffs for their pantry. Thank you for supporting this outreach to a key local food pantry. Captain Sally noted that your donated items would be in big demand over the Thanksgiving holiday week. Missions and Social Concerns Committee.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Methodist Church of Indonesia - Region II, and Kristen Schmitz, Missionary.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Dec 03	Eh Paw Ku Grettenberger (13 yrs.), Betty Shoberg
Dec 04	Kabri Martyniek, David Olson, Betsy Peterson
Dec 05	Gerald Lundeen
Dec 06	Gerald Mathews
Dec 07	Rebecca Beebe, Amy Keiser-Magner, Hunter Merkins,
Dec 08	Lexy Bakker (13 yrs.)
Dec 09	Joel Mihovich, Pete Peterson